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Hampton Classic Horse Show to Celebrate 20th Anniversary of Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities Finals

Classic Also to Host Animal Welfare Groups as Part of Annual Adoption Day Sponsored by Gotham Enterprizes

Bridgehampton, NY – August 4, 2026 – The Hampton Classic Horse Show will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the **Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities (LIHSSRD) Finals presented by Dime Commercial Bank** and its annual **Animal Adoption Day Sponsored by Gotham Enterprizes** on Monday, August 24. A busy schedule of hunter competition, as well as free admission, will also highlight this special day!

Celebrating 51 years of world-class equestrian competition in Bridgehampton, NY, the Hampton Classic features FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money, **August 23-30**.

LIHSSRD was established in 2005 by HorseAbility Inc. to provide riders with disabilities with opportunities to participate in USEF-rated hunter/jumper shows and provide them with the same competitive experience that other riders enjoy. Each year, these incredible athletes and their trusted mounts descend on the Hampton Classic to vie for prestigious year-end awards in their respective divisions: Advanced Independent, Walk/Trot Independent and Walk/Trot with Aides.

“It is absolutely wonderful to be celebrating 20 years of hosting the LIHSSRD Finals at the Hampton Classic,” said Shanette Cohen, the show’s Executive Director. “The riders who participate each year are dedicated athletes, and their participation is so important to the Classic. I congratulate the riders and everyone associated with the LIHSSRD program, and I consider making the LIHSSRD Finals part of the Hampton Classic one of the best things I have done at the show.”

In addition to supporting the LIHSSRD program, horse show visitors can meet various animal rescue groups, welfare and wellness organizations, sanctuaries and more during the Classic's annual **Animal Adoption Day**, which will be held in the Kids Area from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Aspinall Ring will showcase adoptable horses from 2:30-3:30 p.m., with several other equine-focused activities taking place throughout the day including Hunter competition and a discussion on course design with **Hampton Classic Grand Prix Ring course designer Nick Granat**. The discussion will take place in the Grand Prix Ring from 1:30-2:15 p.m. while Granat's crew is building the course for Tuesday morning's jumper classes.



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Dog and cat (and potentially bunny) rescues who will be on site as part of Animal Adoption Day include [ARFHamptons](#), [Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation](#), [Hope For Cleo Animal Rescue](#), [Lucky Dog Refuge](#), [Tyler's Rescue](#), [Wags & Walks Remember Me Rescue NY](#) and [Last Chance Animal Rescue](#).



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The organizations that will be on hand during the equine portion of the day are [Changing Tides Equine Retirement & Agriculture Learning Center](#), [Global Strays](#), [Rising Starr Horse Rescue](#), [StandFast Equine Alliance](#), [Superhero Rescue Horses](#), [The Serenity Project](#), [Long Island University Equestrian Team](#) and [Lewyt College of Veterinary Medicine | Long Island University](#). The [HEART Equine Ambulance](#) will also have an ongoing presence throughout the show, with tours available on Adoption Day supported by ConnectOneBank. [The Rider's Closet](#) will be present, accepting donations of new and gently used riding apparel for equestrians in need.

Other notable events include basic horse care demonstrations, opportunities to learn more about America's wild horses and how to help them, and the **#KissaHorsetoHelpaHorse kissing booth** with mini horse Bubbles, who was adopted from Rising Starr Horse Rescue at the Hampton Classic two years ago. Additionally, the Long Island University equestrian team and veterinarians and students from the Lewyt College of Veterinary Medicine will be on hand to discuss careers with horses and other animals.



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Admission is free for this special day at the Classic, and complimentary refreshments will be available during the adoptable horse showcase courtesy of BrainJuice. More information can be found at [Animal Adoption Day](#).

About the Hampton Classic Horse Show

Each year, approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping classes, the Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with

more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre show grounds.

FEI competition begins on Thursday, August 27, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* BrainJuice Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat (USA) and Anderson Lima (BRA). FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 30. The **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** will also be presented on Grand Prix Sunday as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights include the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** (Tuesday), **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix** (Wednesday), **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran** (Thursday), **\$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake** (Friday), **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship** (Saturday), **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic** and **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic** (Sunday).

For more information on the Hampton Classic Horse Show, please visit the Hampton Classic website at www.hamptonclassic.com or call (631) 537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.